

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

July 7, 2004
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mr. John C. Austin, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate (via telephone)
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mr. Reginald M. Turner
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)
Ms. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Brendan Guilford, Alma College Student Intern

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Regular meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

A. Revision of Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2004 (Page 9)

B. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

A. 2004-2005 Community Service Grant Contracts – added to agenda

B. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Projects – added to agenda

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus
Absent: Turner, Weiser

The motion carried.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS,
DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting. Mr. Watkins introduced Mr. Brendan Guilford, a student intern from Alma College, who will be working in the Department of Education through August, 2004. Mr. Watkins said at the June 8, 2004 meeting, the Board invited Mr. Guilford to sit at the Board table as a non-voting student representative during the summer of 2004, while he is an intern in the Department.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:14 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on School Report Cards

The following individual participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

Mr. Turner joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

B. Presentation by Karen Aldridge-Eason, Foundation Liaison, Office of the Governor

The following individual participated in the presentation:

- Ms. Karen Aldridge-Eason, Foundation Liaison, Office of the Governor (on loan from Mott Foundation)

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 10:10 a.m. to establish a telephone connection with Mrs. Weiser and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

C. Update on Intermediate School District Relationship

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director
- Dr. Gayle Green, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Chief Academic Officer, Macomb Intermediate School District
- Mr. C. Danford Austin, Deputy Superintendent, Oakland Schools

D. Update on Reading First

The following individual participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement

E. Report on State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan/Aligning for Leadership Session

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Office of Organizational Development
- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer

X. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Presentation of Educators in Residence Partnership with the Mexican Consul

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Linda Forward, Consultant, Office of School Improvement
- Juan Fernando Rios Garcia, Mexican Educator in Residence
- Israel Espino Rivera, Mexican Educator in Residence
- Nicandro Sarellano Cruz, Mexican Educator in Residence
- Martin Heriberto Del Rio Castrellon, Mexican Educator in Residence

- Jose Roma Valencia Galindo, Mexican Educator in Residence
- Maria del Carmen Cecilia Arruti Cajiga, Mexican Educator in Residence

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened the Regular meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Weiser ended their telephone connections at 11:50 a.m. Mrs. McGuire resumed her telephone connection at 1:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 8, 2004.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Revised Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 8, 2004.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Weiser

The motion carried.

XIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Harvard University Graduation

Mrs. Straus said she attended her granddaughter's graduation from Harvard University on June 10, 2004. She said United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan delivered an outstanding commencement address.

Mrs. Straus said Dr. Lawrence H. Summers, President of Harvard University, spoke of the University's responsibility to help meet the national challenge of achieving equal opportunity. Mrs. Straus said Harvard has introduced an initiative where families with incomes of less than \$40,000 will no longer be expected to contribute to the cost of attending Harvard for their children. She said families with incomes of less than \$60,000 will be expected to pay a minimal amount. Mrs. Straus said President Summers received applause for his statement, "The future of America will be won or lost in America's public schools."

B. Joint Task Force on Creativity, Arts and Cultural Education

Mrs. Straus said she attended the June 21, 2004, meeting of the Joint Task Force on Creativity, Arts and Cultural Education that was convened by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). She said Ms. Ana Cardona, MDE Fine Arts Consultant, and Ms. Betty Boone, of MCACA, are coordinating this effort. Mrs. Straus said the Task Force is an inclusive group working to insure that the arts are taught and incorporated into teaching other subject areas.

C. North Central Regional Educational Laboratory Board Meeting

Mrs. Straus said she attended the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL) Board Meeting on June 30, 2004, with Mr. Watkins, Chairman of the NCREL Board; and Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Department Liaison to NCREL. She said the focus of the discussion was professional development and the state's role in professional development, and she invited State Board of Education members to review the written materials from the meeting.

D. Evaluation of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr.

Mrs. Straus said Mr. Watkins has been the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for three years, and she reported on his annual evaluation. Mrs. Straus said Board members evaluated Mr. Watkins based on the criteria used during the selection process in 2001: "Implementation of State Board Policies," "Day to Day Management, Supervision, and Leadership of MDE," "Facilitation of Alliances and Partnerships and Cooperative Working Relationships with Others," "Assistance in Strategic Planning," and "Spokesperson and Advocate."

Mrs. Straus said the Board agrees that Mr. Watkins has done an outstanding job, and he is highly respected throughout the state. Mrs. Straus said each Board member evaluated Mr. Watkins, and he has received an average grade of A- on his annual evaluation. She read a letter of support from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, and Mrs. Straus said that she received several other letters from individuals and organizations complimenting Mr. Watkins on his leadership. The evaluation includes a summary of the Board's evaluations plus copies of the letters.

The following individuals addressed the Board with comments supporting Mr. Watkins: (1) Mr. Brian Galdes, South Redford School District; (2) Mr. Ryan Donlan, Bay-Arenac Community High School; (3) Ms. Tamara Bashore-Berg, Ingham Intermediate School District; and

(4) Mr. Dan Quisenberry, Michigan Association of Public School Academies.

Mrs. Straus said Section 380.1229a(3) of the Revised School Code states in part: “The State Board shall not offer a contract for a person to be employed by this state as superintendent of public instruction, or extend the contract of a superintendent of public instruction, within 6 months before a general election at which state board members are elected or within 2 months after a general election at which state board members are elected.”

Mrs. Straus said January 2005, would be the first opportunity the Board would have to offer Mr. Watkins an extension to his agreement.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education authorize the President and Secretary to negotiate the agreement with the Superintendent.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Weiser**

The motion carried.

XIV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- G. Human Resources Report
- H. Report on the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- I. 2004-2005 Freedom to Learn (FTL) Cycle 3 – Initial (Michigan Virtual University)
- J. 2003-2004 IDEA Mandated Activities Projects, Part C – Amendment
- K. 2003-2004 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment
- L. 2003 Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant – Initial
- M. 2004-2005 Comprehensive School Reform Program – Continuation
- T. 2004-2005 Community Service Grant Contracts – Initial

U. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Projects, Part B – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed a written report “Superintendent’s Report Highlights of Activities for June – July 2004.”

Mr. Watkins provided an oral report on the following:

A. Evaluation of State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Watkins thanked the Board and his colleagues for their leadership, support, dedication, and commitment. He said he shares his positive evaluation with the Board and the staff of the Department who continue to do phenomenal work. He further thanked school administrators and staff for their dedication and hard work. Mr. Watkins said he looks forward to finalizing the Department’s Strategic Plan.

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Miss Melina Bucci, 506 West Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640. Miss Bucci commented on inclusive education. Miss Bucci presented the Board with memo clips and a picture of herself and Miss Abbie Marsh.
- B. Miss Abbie Marsh, 103 Buchanan Drive, Midland, Michigan 48642. Miss Marsh provided comments on inclusive education.
- C. Ms. Michelle Vouaux, 3718 Leonard Lane, Midland, Michigan 48640. Ms. Vouaux provided comments on inclusive education.
- D. Ms. Laurel Bucci, 506 West Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640. Ms. Bucci provided comments on inclusive education, and a brochure, “Everyone in Education.”
- E. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Mrs. Wood provided oral comments and written materials on charter schools.

XVI. APPROVAL OF STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF WORLD LANGUAGE, BILINGUAL EDUCATION, AND ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Program Preparation and Development; Dr. Bonnie Rockafellow, Education Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Standards; Dr. Marc Rosa, Wayne State University; Dr. Sander de Haan, Hope College; Dr. Janice Nelson, Concordia University; Dr. Cathy Day, Eastern Michigan University; and Ms. Connie

Zucker, Wayne State University; presented Approval of Standards for the Preparation of World Language, Bilingual Education, and English as a Second Language.

Dr. Smith said the World Language Standards Committee has been meeting for the past two years to address concerns regarding the preparation of teachers in all of the World Languages, Bilingual Education, and English as a Second Language. She said the standards have been reviewed by various groups, organizations, teacher preparation institutions, intermediate school districts and local school districts.

Dr. Rockafellow said the standards are designed to align with the K-12 content standards in the *Michigan Curriculum Framework*, and national standards from the American Council for the Teachers of Foreign Languages, National Association for Bilingual Education, and Teachers of Second Language Learners. Dr. Rockafellow said the new standards include the deletion of the specialty area endorsement for Bilingual-Latin, and a change in the title of specialty area endorsement for Bilingual Yugoslavian to Servo-Croatian/Bosnian.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the standards for the preparation of World Language, Bilingual Education, and English as a Second Language teachers, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 28, 2004.

In response to Mrs. Straus' question noting the absence of Chinese, Dr. Rockafellow said the "Other" endorsement codes for Bilingual and World Language include such languages as Chinese that do not have a specific code. Dr. Rockafellow said the "Other" code will be useful, as language usage and instruction shifts to include additional languages during the upcoming years.

Mr. Watkins said there are more Chinese people who speak English than Americans who speak English, and he asked staff to work toward an endorsement code for Chinese.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Weiser

The motion carried.

Mrs. McGuire ended her telephone connection at 2:40 p.m.

XVII. PRESENTATION ON MENTORING PROGRAM IN PONTIAC

The Honorable Fred M. Mester, Oakland County Circuit Judge; Mr. Derek A. Wynns and Mr. Ramson Seay, Executive Co-Directors of Positive Male Role Models, Pontiac Central High School; Mr. Jarvis Pitts, Student; Mr. Derrick Coleman, Principal of Pontiac Central High School; Mr. Shelby Johnson, Assistant Principal of Pontiac Northern High School; and Ms. Sandra Butler, Teacher and Chairperson of Mentoring Committee; participated in the Presentation on Mentoring Program in Pontiac.

Judge Mester said the Pontiac Alumni Foundation is a group of individuals, businesses, corporations, participating in a non-sectarian effort to give support to the Pontiac School District by providing innovative programs for youth who find themselves at a crossroads.

Judge Mester said DaimlerChrysler Corporation provided a challenge grant of \$100,000 to the Foundation for a mentoring program for eighth grade Pontiac students. He said the Foundation met the challenge by raising more than \$162,000 to support the Positive Male Role Models program developed by Mr. Derek A. Wynns and Mr. Ramson Seay.

Mr. Seay said Positive Male Role Models offers school based mentoring, mediation, crisis intervention, and wrap around services. Mr. Seay gave several examples of mentoring making a difference in the lives of youth.

Mr. Wynns said the program is available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Wynns introduced Mr. Jarvis Pitts, a student who has participated in the program for three years. Mr. Pitts shared his story, and how the mentoring program has benefited him.

Mr. Kyle Caldwell, Executive Director of the Michigan Community Service Commission, presented information on Mentor Michigan. He said Mentor Michigan is led by Governor Jennifer Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern, and its mission is to ensure that all youth have ongoing relationships with stable, caring individuals. Mr. Caldwell said the Governor and her family have been, and continue to be, mentors for youth.

Mr. Caldwell thanked the Board for the Resolution on National Mentoring Month, January, 2004. He said Mentor Michigan has a goal of 10,000 new mentor matches by 2006. He said 50% of mentor matches are made in schools, and he asked the Department to encourage its employees to mentor youth. He said mentoring can be a tremendous benefit to schools as they strive to meet Adequate Yearly Progress.

Mrs. Curtin asked how mentoring has affected the school environment. Mr. Coleman said his job would not be manageable without the mentoring program. He said the mentors are part of the school staff, and they help provide the fundamentals that allow students to be successful. Ms. Butler, said the mentoring program provides a positive alternative to sending students to the principal's office.

Judge Mester said the community is energized through mentoring, and recognizing that all communities have resources necessary for success. He said DaimlerChrysler staff are not only writing checks, but also volunteering to mentor.

Mrs. Straus presented the Board's "You Make a Difference" certificate to the Pontiac Alumni Foundation Middle School Mentoring Project for its youth mentoring program.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

**XVIII. RECEIVE THE REPORT ON MICHIGAN TEST FOR TEACHER
CERTIFICATION PERFORMANCE FOR 2002-2003**

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Program Preparation and Development; presented Report of Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Performance for 2002-2003.

Dr. Smith said the Board is being asked to review information on the aggregate performance of candidates from each teacher preparation institution on the content tests of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education receive the report on Michigan Test for Teacher Certification performance for 2002-2003, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 28, 2004.

Dr. Smith said Mrs. Weiser, Co-chair of the Ensuring Excellent Educators Task Force, asked that the information contained in the Report be presented to the Board.

Mrs. Straus said it would be helpful if the majors, minors, and endorsements were included in the report. Dr. Smith said staff are trying to do research with the institutions to distinguish the majors, minors, and endorsements.

Mrs. Bauer said the Social Studies Task Force could recommend that the accountability report be broken down by major, minor, and endorsement.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Austin, McGuire, Weiser

The motion carried.

XIX. APPROVAL OF THE PROCESS TO GRANT EXCEPTIONS TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT SECONDARY TEACHER CANDIDATES PASS THEIR MICHIGAN TEST FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION MINOR SUBJECT AREA EXAMINATIONS

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services, presented Approval of the Process to Grant Exceptions That Secondary Teacher Candidates Pass Their Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Minor Subject Area Examinations.

Dr. Jenkins said in March 2004, the State Board of Education discussed a possible waiver of passing the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification minor subject area examinations for purposes of teacher certification. Dr. Jenkins said Mr. Watkins instructed staff to convene a forum of educators to review the pros and cons of waiving the minor test, and to establish a process for doing so.

Dr. Jenkins said the forum was convened on April 16, 2004, and the advantages and disadvantages of waiving the minor test were discussed. She said one of the major disadvantages was the marketability of teachers if they are limited to only one subject. She said many out-of-state teachers have only one endorsement, and teachers have the opportunity to become certified in other subject areas at a later date.

She said the institutions wanted to use the term “exception” rather than “waiver.” She said they also recommended that the candidate must take the minor test at least once, and also include a plan of improvement with the institution.

Mrs. Straus said she was pleased to have attended the forum, and hear the comments from participants.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the proposed exception procedure for allowing teacher preparation institutions to submit certification recommendations for secondary teacher candidates who do not pass their MTTC minor subject area test, as discussed in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated June 28, 2004.

Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Austin, McGuire, Weiser

The motion carried.

XX. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SOCIAL STUDIES TASK FORCE

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer, presented Approval of Appointment of Members to the Social Studies Task Force.

Dr. Hughes said the State Board commissioned a Task Force on Social Studies at its June meeting and appointed The Honorable Doug Hart and Dr. Joseph Stoltman as the Co-Chairs. He said the charge of the Task Force is to study the issue of student performance on the social studies Michigan Educational Assessment Program test, and to make recommendations to the Board on the steps that need to be taken to improve student performance. Dr. Hughes said the Board is being asked to approve the appointment of the members.

Dr. Hughes said the first meeting of the Task Force will be on July 8, 2004; and public forums are scheduled for July 9, July 22, July 23, July 26, and July 27, 2004.

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of members to the Social Studies Task Force, as listed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 2, 2004.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Austin, McGuire, Weiser

The motion carried.

XXI. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION

Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director, presented Update on Educational Legislation.

Mr. Morris updated the Board on intermediate school district (ISD) legislation that is currently under discussion in the Legislature. Mr. Morris said intermediate school district reform contained in pending legislation includes recall options for board members, open meetings requirements, budget review by constituent school districts, and public election of intermediate school district members. Other issues addressed in intermediate school district legislation include auditing, conflict of interest, and a 25-year cap on all new millages.

Mr. Morris said House Bill 5962 would require intermediate school districts in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Kent to hold an election asking voters if their local ISD should cease to exist, and all ISD tax revenue be returned to the local school districts. Mr. Morris said this bill does not have enough votes to be reported out of Committee.

Mr. Morris said House Bill 5791 and House Bill 5792 would create the Michigan Accelerated College Education Act that would enable students between the ages of 15 to 18 to attend postsecondary institutions without a high school diploma. He said this is unlike dual enrollment where students are required to also attend high school, and the issue remains under discussion.

Mr. Morris said House Bill 5660 is pending legislation regarding school site plan review requiring that local land use or zoning commissions review and approve all school expansions or new construction projects. He said if a zoning commission does not approve the school district's application, the school district would be able to request approval from the Superintendent of Public Instruction. He said language was added to the legislation exempting charter schools.

Mr. Morris said the Senate Education Commission has not taken action on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)/American College Test (ACT) legislation. He said Senator Kuipers, Mrs. Straus, and Mr. Watkins are members of the Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Development, and MEAP/ACT may be a topic addressed by the Commission.

This was an update only and no action was required.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Southeastern High School Graduation – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she attended the Detroit Southeastern High School Technology Program graduation ceremony, and helped to present the awards and scholarships to students.

B. Universal Education Referent Group – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said the Universal Education Referent Group completed its formal work on June 30, and will present to the Board in the fall of 2004. Mrs. Bauer said the individuals involved have expended tremendous time and energy in this effort.

C. Warren Family Welcomes Daughter – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said former State Board member, Judge Michael David Warren, Jr.; his wife, Shannon; and daughter, Leah; welcomed a new baby daughter, Lily, to the Warren family on June 30, 2004.

D. Balance Between Achievement and Experimentation – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin said she heard a 15 year old boy say that his mom is always trying to get him to decide what he wants to do for a career. She said the boy commented that he's only 15 and does not need to know exactly what he is going to do with the rest of his life. Mrs. Curtin said it caused her to reflect on the high expectations that are placed on students, and whether they have time to dream, paint rainbows, and experiment.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins asked Board members to submit agenda item topics for the August 10, 2004, meeting to the Agenda Planning Committee.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. August 10, 2004
- B. September 14, 2004
- C. October 12, 2004
- D. November 9, 2004

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary